

Dear Commissioners,

Let me tell you what I did this past week:

1. finished our 20 page political rate disclosure document to comply with new Federal Election Commission guidelines.
2. Checked to make sure the Issues and Programs list, which I've never had anyone look at, was placed in each public file on time.
3. checked EEO files to make sure they are up-to-date
4. considered myself lucky I wasn't chosen for the recent FCC EEO audit.
5. paid a \$5100 bill for having my tower painted because FCC inspector said it was "slightly chipped".
6. Revised EEO announcement to try to attract more minority candidates in an area where there aren't many.
7. checked EAS logs to make sure everything was working correctly.
8. Replaced tower registration number sign blown off by thunderstorm.
9. waited on hold for 20 minutes with the IRS for a simple answer to a tax question.
10. filled out unemployment form for a former employee detailing salary week-by-week for the past year.
11. Arranged to have a satellite dish installed to pick up state EAS messages.
12. Drank bottle of Maalox to see if I would get enough money in to make payroll.
13. Oh yeah...ran a business.

And now you want me to record all my programming on 8 radio stations. Then, I'm guessing we'll have to keep a log showing tha each recorder is working and that we kept the recordings for 6 months. Then I'll have to train a receptionist how to play back a specific day and time so when some member of the public wants to hear it, which is unlikely, they will be able to. You need to understand small market broadcasters are also small business people. Not only do we have to keep on top of FCC regulations and paperwork, we also have reams of IRS, state, and local paperwork and regulations to deal with. We can't hire someone to do all this. We can't afford it.

I respectfully request you not require recording and archiving of programming and, as a matter of fact, do a complete review of many other antiquated paperwork activities and REDUCE the burden on broadcasters, not increase it.

Thank you.

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